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OPA Daily Digest for 8/9/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Charles Grassley (Iowa) 8/5/13: Additional questions on removal of lime solids. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Iowa Public Radio – Clay Masters – 8/9/13: Request for an interview about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrients with the regional administrator on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

Environmental Stories:

A Better Iowa - Espey: It's time for Branstad to sign a strong work plan with the EPA - 8/9/13 - It's time for Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to stop kowtowing to the corporate ag lobby and order the Department of Natural Resources to sign a strong Clean Water Act work plan agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

<http://abetteriowa.desmoinesregister.com/2013/08/09/espey-its-time-for-branstad-to-sign-a-strong-work-plan-with-the-epa/>

Des Moines Register - Iowa View: Iowa DNR needs to step up to the plate - 8/8/13 - The Des Moines Register has been doing a good job of reporting on the governor's attempt to prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from receiving an effective workplan from the state to improve Iowa's regulation of pollution from factory farms.

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130809/OPINION01/308090042/-1/hawkeye_insider/Iowa-View-Iowa-DNR-needs-step-up-plate

National Hog Farmer - Preparing for an EPA Inspection - 8/8/13 - As livestock farms face increased scrutiny, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in states like Iowa

conducts aerial flyovers, internet investigations and onsite inspections.

<http://nationalhogfarmer.com/environment/preparing-epa-inspection>

Sioux City Journal - OTHER VOICES: Urgency, transparency needed to achieve clean water goals - 8/9/13 - More than a year ago, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified serious shortcomings in Iowa's oversight of confined livestock operations that put clean water at risk. In December, the agency spelled out in clear terms what Iowa's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could do to protect waters. Now, in August, the issue remains unresolved.

http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/opinion/columnists/other-voices-urgency-transparency-needed-to-achieve-clean-water-goals/article_d97d2994-17ea-5c47-9921-d2070338bc64.html

San Luis Obispo Tribune - EPA revises cost of cleanup in SW Missouri - 8/8/13 - Cleanup of mine waste in at a southwest Missouri site will cost considerably more and take about five years longer than expected, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/08/08/2621986/epa-revises-cost-of-cleanup-in.html>

Wall Street Journal - Washington's Latest Special Favor - 8/8/13 - For a glimpse at the secret, special-favors factory that Washington has become under President Obama, check out this week's big news out of the Environmental Protection Agency. Or rather, look beyond the headlines to the corporate handout hidden within.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324522504579000792763966698.html>

KHAS-TV - EPA Outlines Options For Garvey Superfund Clean-up. - 8/9/13 - "We have to be certain that we are selecting the right remedy, we have to be certain we know where all of the contaminants are before we go out and take an action," said Brian Zurbuchen, the remedial project manager.

<http://www.khastv.com/news/local/EPA-Outlines-Options-For-Garvey-Superfund-Clean-up-218933931.html>

KHAS-TV - EPA takes public opinion on Garvey Elevator cleanup - 8/8/13 - It's been contaminating Adams County water for nearly 20 years. After working with the Garvey Elevator Superfund Site since 2005, the Environmental Protection Agency now has a plan to remedy the contaminated soil and groundwater.

<http://www.khastv.com/news/local/EPA-takes-public-opinion-on-Garvey-Elevator-cleanup-218924501.html>

The Barrel - Guest post: the EPA's moves this week on renewable fuels - 8/9/13 - On Tuesday, EPA announced that it would keep the 2013 biofuel targets roughly in place. Significantly, however, EPA stated unambiguously that it understands the RFS will become unworkable next year and that it expects to lower the 2014 volume requirements, including advanced biofuel and total renewable categories.

<http://blogs.platts.com/2013/08/09/rins-bordoff/>

The Huffington Post - It Is Time for the EPA to Step Up Protection of Farmworkers - 8/9/13 - But in spite of those health threats, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not updated the agricultural worker safety standards for more than 20 years. The existing standards under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) that covers farmworkers are woefully inadequate, and far more lenient than Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) rules that currently protect other workers.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/hector-e-sanchez/farmworkers-health_b_3728304.html

KOTA-TV - Kimball Recycling Center receives grant money to further community education - 8/8/13 - More than \$76,000 dollars is headed to a KOTA Territory recycling facility. The Kimball Recycle Center received the grant money from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

<http://www.kotanow.com/story/23085292/kimball-recycling-center-receives-grant-money-to-further-community-education>

Salina Journal - Algae detected at Kansas lakes - 8/9/13 - Logan City Lake in Phillips County is one of eight lakes in Kansas placed under a health warning by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment after levels of toxic blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, were detected in the water.

<http://www.salina.com/news/brief2013-08-09T01-00-33>

The Energy Collective - Cheers and Jeers: Reality and the EPA - 8/9/13 - Now for a change of pace: Kudos to EPA for deciding to give the oil and natural gas industry more time to install emissions controls on storage tanks.

<http://theenergycollective.com/mark-green/258731/cheers-and-jeers-reality-and-epa>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/19/13 - Meet and greet with CID KCAO – Carlos Rivera, Regional Office. Contact: Mike Burnett, 7990

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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None

Other Events**AWMD**

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

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None

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None

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None

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None

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8/15/13 – Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Superfund site public meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

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8/5 - 9/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/13-14/13 – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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8/9/13 - Safe Drinking Water Act discussion with Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Topeka, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Diane Huffman, 7544, Scott Marquess, 7131

8/13-15/13 – Soil Science Society of America Nitrogen Use Efficiency Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

8/14/13 – Kansas Department of Health and Environment 2013 Kansas Environmental Conference, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

8/14/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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8/20-22/13 – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

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